Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will be very careful in spending money for this department. That is all I can say.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* In view of the fact that the existing breeds do not stand the climate and eat the common food available here, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of stocking cross-breeds which will thrive in our climate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That will be considered.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* What do Government propose to do with these goats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are going to keep them.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Are they not selling the goats?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are giving them to some of the Rural Development Centres which ask for them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* And to depressed class colonies.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No, only in some rare cases.

COCHIN HARBOUR—APPOINTMENTS IN

104. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of West Coast people whose mother tongue is Malayalam who are in the monthly salary cadre, whose minimum salary of the grade being Rs. 100 or above in the Cochin Harbour and attached offices (This will exclude all Brahmins other than Nambudiris);

(*b*) the number of other non-Europeans;

(*c*) the number of Europeans;

(*d*) the salary and their grades per month drawn by each specified in the grades referred to above?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Government have no information.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* How is it that the Government have no information on this simple matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The question of the subject being simple is a matter of opinion. Although matters relating to the Harbour are open to discussion in this Council and although Government have got the right to exercise general control over Harbour matters, the real position is that the Harbour authorities are in charge of the day to day administration. I may also add that in answer to Question No. 479 in the last Meenam session, the Government had given the information that out of 137 officers in the superior service, 31 are Cochinites. Beyond that, Government do not consider it necesssry or desirable to give any further details.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I want to know only the information with regard to appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 100 and above.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Se retary to Government):* I made it clear just now that beyond the details already given out, it is not necessary or desirable to go.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Probably the Government concedes about the Ayyangar oligarchy prevailing there.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, we have received several complaints that Malabar people are not being appointed there and even if they are appointed, they are being treated with very little courtesy.

LABOURERS IN THE HARBOUR WORKS—CONDITIONS OF

105. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are any rules or code regulating the terms of employment, recruitment, wages (monthly or daily), punishment, etc., of the labourers (casual or regular) employed on the Island in the Harbour Works;

(*b*) is there any supervision arranged by the Cochin Government to watch over the welfare and well-being of the large number of Cochin labourers, men and women, employed in the Harbour Works, particularly hours of labour, provisions made for their amenities, drinking water, conservancy arrangement, etc., made for the convenience of these labourers?

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